

Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 **Expedited Procedure Examining Group 1623** PATENT APPLICATION Serial No. 09/039,957 Atty. Docket No. 2509-970451

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit 1623

In re application of

PAUL L. KORNBLITH

Serial No. 09/039,957

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2001, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 33 and 34 as follows. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, the following are clean copies of the amended claims. Marked-up versions of claims 33 and 34 are attached on separate sheets.

> I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on March 1, 2001. Barbara E. Johnson, Registration No. 31,198 (Name of Registered Representative)